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1. Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 page); and
2. Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 (6 pages).

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a three-month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.